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Promoting Innovation: How Contests, Prizes, Challenges, and Grants Can Generate Innovative Energy

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*“Promoting Innovation: How
Contests, Prizes, Challenges, and
Grants Can Generate Innovative
Energy”*

USCG 2010 Innovation Expo Panel Session

*Moderator: Dr. Neal Thornberry, Innovation Chair, GSBPP,
Naval Postgraduate School*

Panel Members

- ***Daniel Munz***, Project Manager for Challenge.Gov, Center for New Media & Citizen Engagement, General Services Administration
- ***Dr. Lawrence C. Schuette***, Ph.D., Director of Innovation Office of Naval Research
- ***Elizabeth Roy Kittrie***, Sr. Policy Analyst, Office of the Asst. Secretary for Planning & Evaluation, Health & Human Services
- ***David Hale***, National Institute of Health, project manager of Pillbox) and is an emerging technology and social media evangelist at the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM),
- ***Tiffany Smith-Licciardi***, eDiplomacy, Department of State, Bureau of Information Resource Management

Panel Format

- Panel member introductions
- Member commentary
- Moderated Discussion
- Open Forum

Topic Context

- Increasing interest in energizing innovation through focused incentive schemes in both the public and private sector
- SES Memorandum “The Accountable Government Initiative”, also OMB M-10-11 & President’s National Innovation Strategy (Sept. 09)
- Promoting accountability & Innovation through open government
- Success with open innovation in industry

Discussion Points

- Strategy, infrastructure, applications, implications
- Examples
- Emerging knowledge
- Challenges
- Sharing of ideas

Challenge.gov: A Brief Introduction

Dan Munz
Center for New Media and Citizen Engagement
U.S. General Services Administration
November 3, 2010

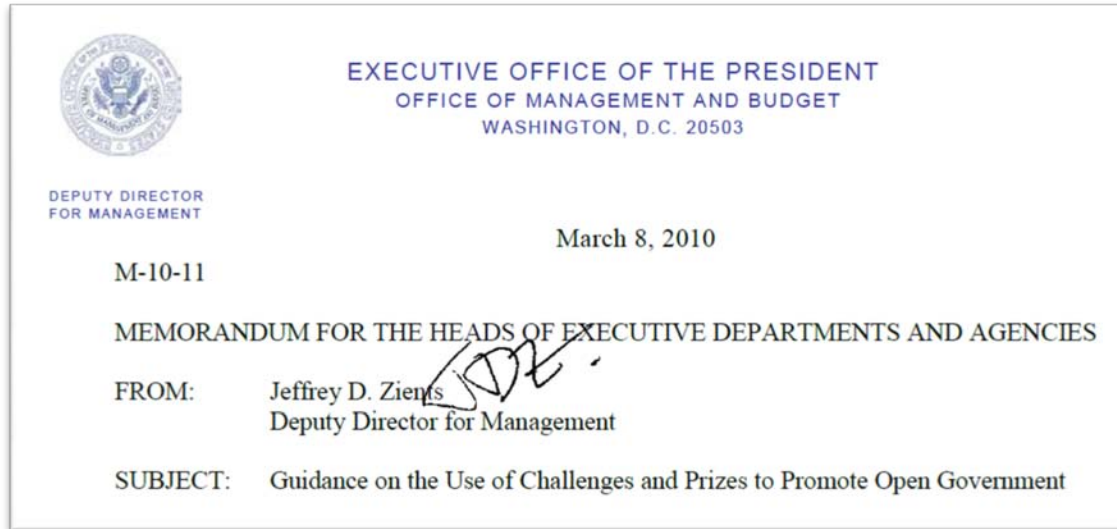




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A **platform** that engages citizens to directly participate in addressing our nation's most pressing challenges.

Why Challenge.gov?



March 8, 2010

Guidance on the Use of
Challenges and Prizes to
Promote Open Government

“To support agencies in the execution of prizes that further the policy objectives of the Federal Government, **the Administration will make available a web-based platform for prizes and challenges within 120 days.** This platform will provide a forum for agencies to post problems and invite communities of problem solvers to suggest, collaborate on, and deliver solutions.”



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Featured Challenges

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Apps for Healthy Kids

Created by U.S. Department of Agriculture

\$60,000 in prizes to create innovative, fun and engaging software tools and games that encourage children directly or through their parents to make more nutritious food choices and be more physically active.

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Winners tbd
About 7 hours left



\$55,500
in prizes



10
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Government posts challenges



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Accept the challenge...

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Support challenges that are important to you...

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Are you a federal government employee?

Learn how you can post a challenge for your agency ➔

**Provide powerful financial
and social incentives.**



Winners tbd

1 day left



\$55,500

in prizes



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supporters

I support this challenge!

Share



Twitter



Facebook



Email



Basic info

We'll start by just collecting the most basic information for your challenge. After this, you can save it and come back any time to complete posting your challenge

* Name

A catchy title like *Apps for healthy kids* or *Gulf Oil Spill Video Challenge* will help people remember your challenge

* Tag-Line

The first two lines in the description of a challenge can have a huge impact on its success. Explain clearly what the challenge is about and why someone may want to participate.

* Category

The category represents the problem area that the challenge is addressing



Post to another category

* Organization

Only the organizations you're allowed to create challenges for are displayed. Select the one responsible for the Challenge



Partners

Add a list of other agencies and corporate sponsors of the challenge. Separate each one with a comma

Blog

ENABLED

Discussions

ENABLED

Analytics

ENABLED

Moderators

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Events

DISABLED

Save

Get from idea to
online in minutes.



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GSA has addressed procurement, privacy, security, accessibility, usability and other important issues.



Amazing Partners





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So, how's it going?

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unique challenges offered by 24
agencies on health, jobs, science and
technology, and more.

85,000+

visits to [Challenge.gov](https://challenge.gov), with
hundreds more every day.

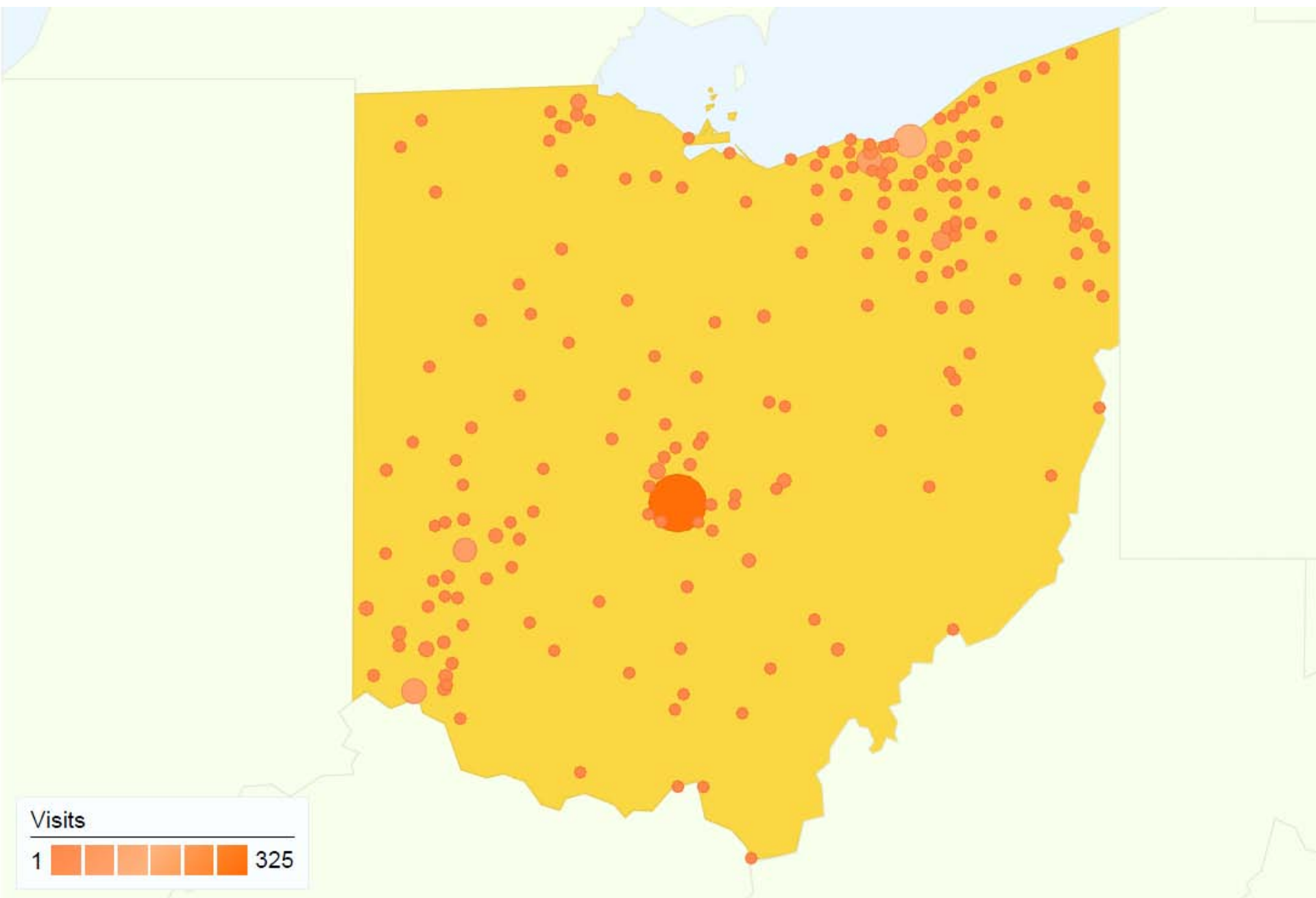
3,500+

“supports” for challenges on
Challenge.gov, indicating community
and durable engagement.

4,900+

cities, in all 50 states, that sent
visitors to [Challenge.gov](https://challenge.gov).





We don't know (yet):

Cumulative ROI

Cumulative cost savings

Use/implementation of solutions

Markets created/sustained

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(the website)

Challenge

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(the strategy)

1.

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platform for enhancing
our democracy

2.

Challenge.gov as a
national strategy for
innovation

3.

Challenge.gov as a
lasting culture shift
within government



Federal Agencies

- Get access on Challenge.gov
- Learn more about challenges
- Look for opportunities
- Spread the word

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The Public

- Sign up and get started
- Find great challenges
- Share, solve, and win
- Look for ways to partner

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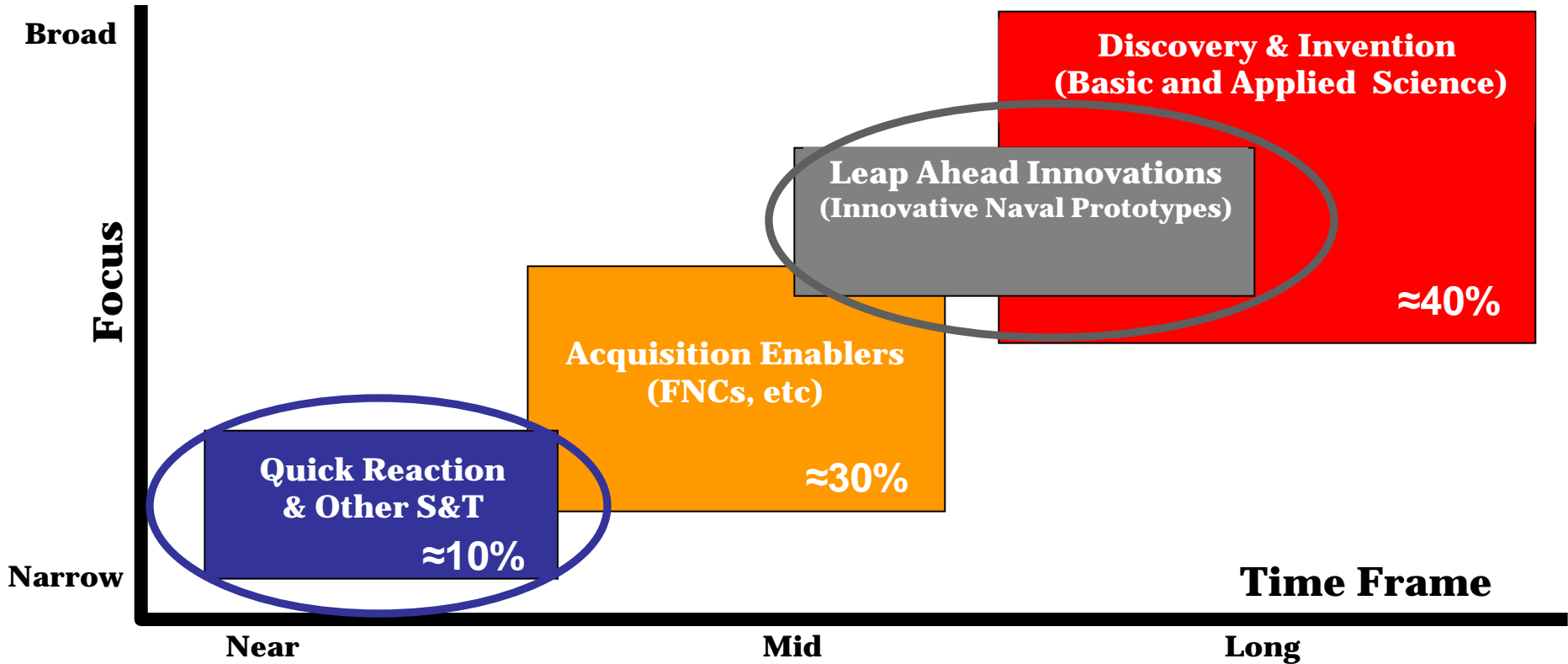
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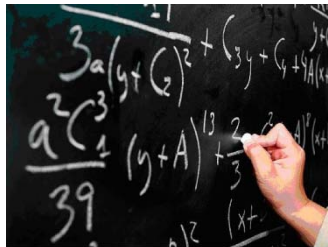
Innovative Naval Prototypes (INP) and Swampworks (SW) Projects are High Risk, High Payoff Game Changers

TechSolutions (TS) and Experimentation (Exp) Projects are direct support to Warfighters and acquisition risk mitigating

TechSolutions: A “Solution Broker” Process



Warfighter Need



Subject Matter Experts
Interpret Technology
Requirements

Naval Research Enterprise



Industry Partners &
Academia

Technology Solutions



Delivery to Fleet/Force

Open Innovation Network Mechanisms

OI Networking Mechanism	Cost per Post/use	Time	Size/Reach	Process
Innocentive	\$50-150K	15 - 30 days	250k to >4Mil people organizations, depending on method	Active notification to registered users and associate posting groups
NineSigma	\$60-90K	56-84 days	>2 Million solution providers	Active notification to registered users
Yet2.com	\$20-37K + success fee \$50k & up	Up to 150 days Mature technologies	150K registered users + 250 global network nodes	Active notification to registered users, nodes and associate posting groups
ONR BAA New contract	None	45 days min, varies with each posting, add contracting time to posting	Unknown, requires network to come to site	Posted on ONR site and FEDBIZOPPS, may be linked to from other DoD sites
Navy SBIR	None	30 days pre-solicitation then 30 days solicitation, add contracting time to posting	Unknown, requires network to come to site	Posted on SBA, Navy, DoD SBIR sites and FEDBIZOPPS
ONR Techsolutions	None	< 45 Days MIPR	~400 primary POC's; plus 1000's PO's	Internal notification system to registered providers
DDR&E Open Business Cell	None	<60 Days; Other Transaction Authority	1200 registered providers + public site of unknown size	Internal notification system to registered providers + public site postings
Challenge.Gov	None	1 Wk – defined by poster	Unknown, requires network to come to site	Posted on site
SEAPORT-e	None	<\$1M - 10 days \$1M to \$50M - 11 to 24 days >\$50M – 25 days	2,222 Current registered companies	Internal notification system to registered bidders for task order to existing contract

2010 CNR Challenge

Next Generation Technologies
for Today's Warfighter

- Seedling Research Funding: Bring your innovative ideas here and help us uncover the “next big thing”
- Featured on Challenge.gov
- Nov. 8-10, 2010: White papers submitted at the ONR Naval S&T Partnership Conference
- Funding will be provided for innovations that fit the theme of the conference and the six featured science and technology topics



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“Promoting a Culture of Innovation at HHS”

Elizabeth Kittrie
Senior Policy Analyst, HHS
November 3, 2010

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of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

About HHS

- Our mission is to protect the health of all Americans and provide essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves
- HHS operations
 - Budget exceeding \$900 billion
 - Over 300 programs spread across 11 operating divisions
 - Nearly 68,000 employees spread all over the globe

Promoting Innovation at HHS

- Fostering Open Government and Innovation at HHS are key priorities for Secretary Sebelius
- Recognition that creative solutions to our most pressing challenges can come from employees, citizens, partner organizations & other stakeholders
- The HHS Open Government Plan highlights a number of initiatives to promote collaboration and participation with and among our employees and stakeholders.
 - See <http://www.hhs.gov/open/>

HHS Innovation Council

- Established by Secretary Sebelius in January 2010
- Interagency council that reports directly to the Secretary and advises on innovation
- Goals: promote innovation across HHS and break down barriers to innovation

HHSinnovates Awards Contest

HHSinnovates Awards Program - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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HHSinnovates Awards Program

A new cycle of **HHSinnovates** begins on October 18th! It's a new opportunity for HHS employees to submit their innovations for recognition. Be in the running for top awards, and share your innovations with the HHS community!

HHSinnovates is an [awards program](#) that recognizes and encourages innovative efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services. We want to make our work for the American people more responsive, more efficient and more effective...and we want to recognize the employees who help accomplish those goals.

HHSinnovates seeks to reward successful innovations, especially when they are scalable across the Department. It also aims to recognize proposals that have promising potential.

Interested in submitting a nomination? Follow these steps:

1. Review the [Eligibility Criteria](#)
2. Watch a new video about the [awards process](#) and how past winners are [developing a culture of innovation at HHS](#)
3. [Submit your nomination](#)

For more information, check out the full description of the [HHSinnovates Program](#).

[Make a Nomination](#)

Background

Twice a year, up to six awards will be issued to innovators and teams of innovators who have either (1) generated the most significant innovation successes (Adoption Ready Innovations), or (2) developed explorative innovations that did not yet achieve the expected target outcomes, but yielded significant new knowledge and organizational learning (Explorative Innovations). For this cycle of the competition, we are particularly interested in receiving submissions in the [explorative innovation category](#). Cash awards may be presented to as many as seven key contributors for each awarded innovation.

Key Dates for this Award Cycle

- October/November 2010 -- Nominate innovations
- January 2011 -- Vote for best innovations
- March 2011 -- Awards presentation

HHS CTO Todd Park Explains HHSInnovates

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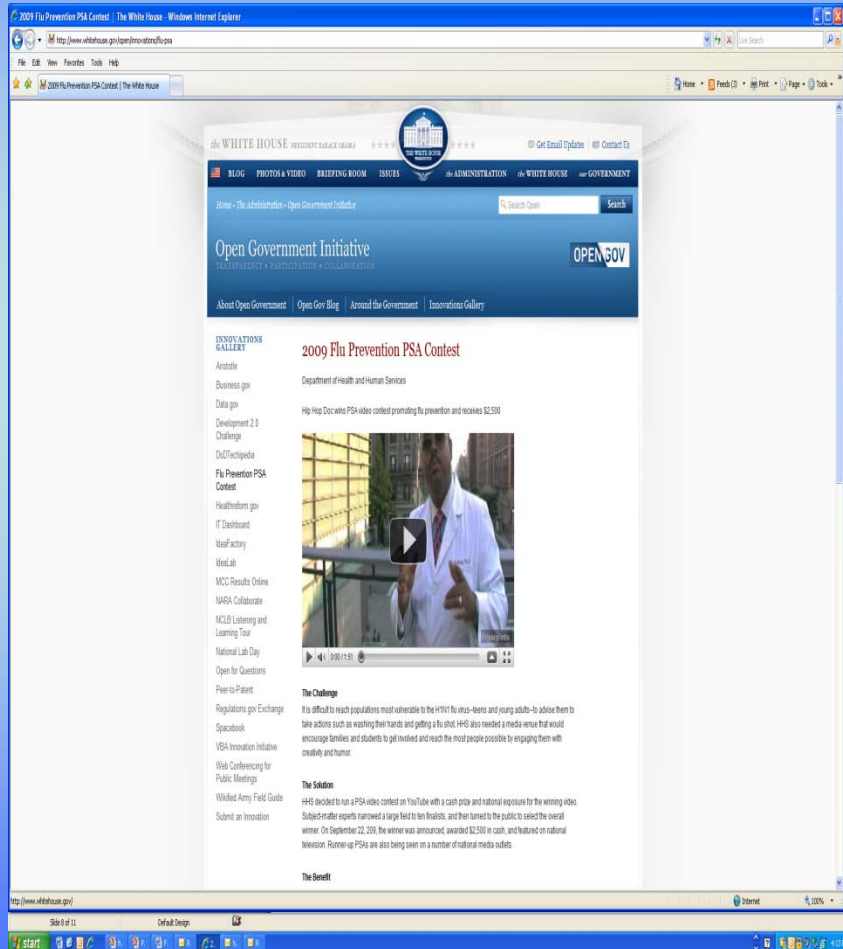
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HHS: A Culture of Innovation

CULTURE

<http://hhsinnovations.intranet.hhs.gov/ideas/new> Monday, October 18, 2010

Prizes and Challenges



Ideation Tools & Platforms at HHS

The screenshot shows the FDA's website with a forum titled "Improving FDA Tobacco Retailer Communication Tools". The forum is part of the "Tobacco Products" section. It includes a sign-in button, a "10 votes left" badge, and a "What's new?" link. The forum post is titled "I suggest FDA add these tools to improve tobacco retailer education" and has a "Search" button. The post content includes a "PLEASE NOTE" section and a "Top users" list. The forum is powered by UserVoice.

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Tobacco Products
Home > Tobacco Products

Improving FDA Tobacco Retailer Communication Tools [Sign in](#)

Help us identify or improve communication tools that educate retailers about FDA tobacco products regulations that protect America's youth! Current communication tools include: podcasts, RSS feeds, widgets, social media, and more. Visit www.fda.gov/breakthechain to learn more.

Please take a few minutes to share your idea, comment, or vote.

Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE: To review our comment policy, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3Jt>. We will only post on-topic comments on communication tool suggestions for retailers. For questions about FDA regulations, please email AskCTP@fda.hhs.gov.

I suggest FDA add these tools to improve tobacco retailer education
Enter your idea

top users [hot](#) [new](#) [accepted](#) [completed](#)

7 votes
Printed posters
It would be helpful if people could order printed posters for outreach rather than printing out the pdfs on the website.
by Lauren Brannen [0 comments](#)

2 votes
It would be great if there were an FDAStore where we could order materials, pubs, videos, etc.
by [Lenny](#) [0 comments](#)

2 votes
High School Liasons
High Schools require community service hours for graduation, reach out to HS kids to deliver posters to retailers, perhaps even offer them as "secret shoppers". Kids get service hours, and retailers get the message directly from their target group.
by A. Swarth [0 comments](#)

1 vote
Low literacy handouts w/simple easy-to-use information in multiple languages including Spanish
by Sarah Houston [0 comments](#)

10 votes left
What's new?

Improving FDA Tobacco Retailer Communication Tools [activity feed](#)

[Contact FDA Tobacco Retailer Education](#)

Forums
Improving FDA Tobacco Retailer Communication Tools (4)
Tobacco Mean: Retailer Communication Channels & Messages (13)

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Note: If you need help accessing information in different file formats, see [Instructions for Downloading Viewers and Players.](#)

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The screenshot shows the IdeaLab website with a "Welcome To IdeaLab!" message. It includes a search bar, navigation links, and a "Random Post" section. The page features a lightbulb icon for "Ideas" and a head icon for "Challenges". The "Random Post" section shows a post titled "Economic Stimulus: Evidence-based Food Resources Intervention Network in High Risk Communities".

IdeaLab
Connecting people to make good ideas better.

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Welcome To IdeaLab!

Ideas

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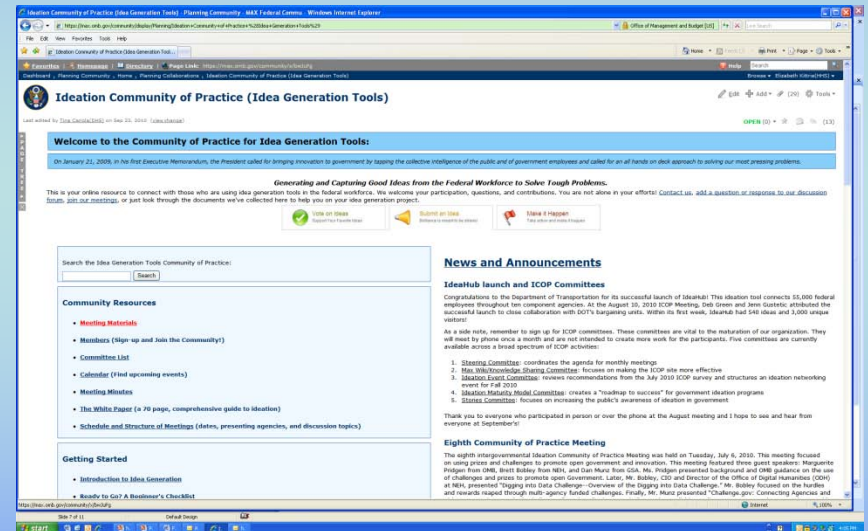
Welcome to CDC's IdeaLab! The CDC community is made up of incredible individuals that have a wealth of knowledge accumulated over a lifetime of personal and professional experiences.

The purpose of the IdeaLab is to make great ideas—even better—by capturing and more fully utilizing CDC's collective knowledge. This CDC-wide shared work space is designed to let individuals share or seek ideas from colleagues physically located all over the world. As you enter this portal, you will have the opportunity to use your insights and experiences to help colleagues build high impact solutions to important public health challenges and help support CDC's role as a steward of the public's health.

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Interagency Ideation Community of Practice

- HHS co-founded the Federal Ideation Community of Practice
 - 30+ agencies participate
 - Opportunity to share best practices, discuss challenges and learn from other agencies



“Challenges” behind the Challenges

- Understanding how best to utilize and structure ideation, challenges and prizes to unlock the creative energies of our employees and stakeholders
- Developing the cultural change necessary for engagement with these types of tools
- Optimizing our use of web 2.0 technologies to fully leverage collaboration and participation opportunities

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Promoting Innovation at State



US Coast Guard Innovation Expo

Tampa, FL

November 3, 2010



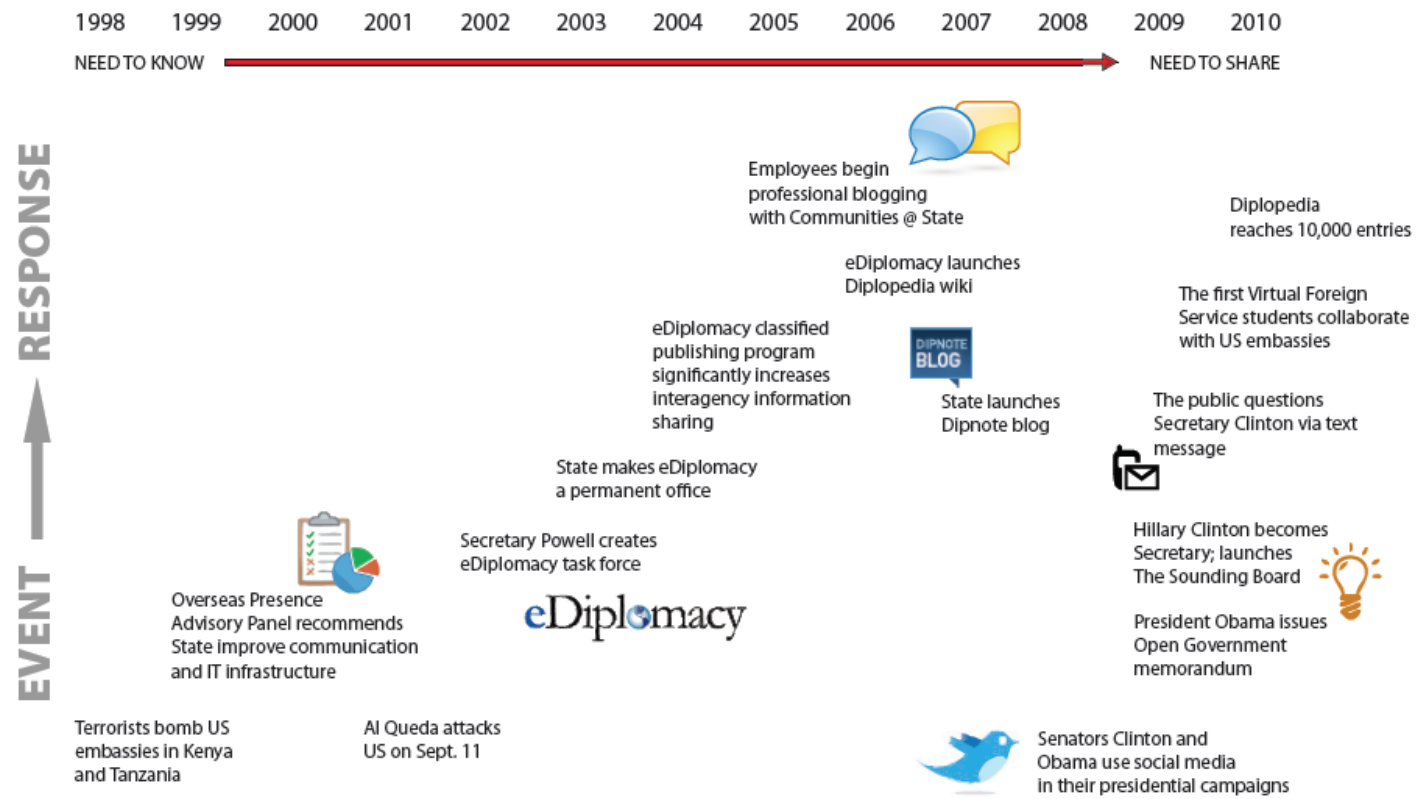
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United States Foreign Service Posts and Department of State Jurisdictions, February 2006

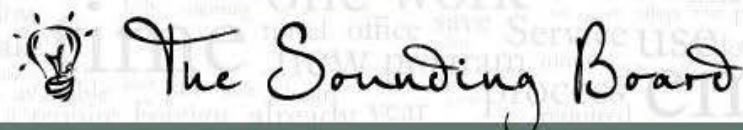


Cultural Innovation

Catalysts for culture of transparency and collaboration US Department of State



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The Sounding Board will allow all State Department employees to have an ongoing conversation on new, smarter, and more effective ways of enabling our nation's foreign policy goals. This is your space to start this conversation. This is your forum to submit concrete ideas for reforms and improvements to transform the way we do business. Share your ideas here with Secretary Clinton, with other Department senior leaders and with your peers. Your ideas will be reviewed to determine their potential to widely impact efficiency, effectiveness and productivity.



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 Standardize Duty Officer Manual and Shar... My idea is that CA should issue a standa...	10/21/10 9:39pm	62	1	11
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SB Community Statistics

1,595 ideas
13,516 comments
3,615 votes
7,606 users

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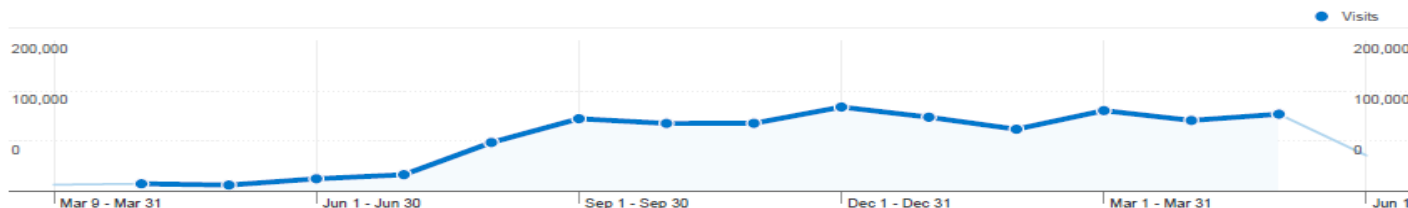
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Trends in Participation, 09-10

The Sounding Board (OpenNet) Dashboard

Mar 9, 2009 - Jun 11, 2010
Comparing to: Site



Site Usage

1,054,041 Visits

62.96% Bounce Rate

2,148,155 Pageviews

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15.08% % New Visits

Visitors

27,000
unique
visitors per
month

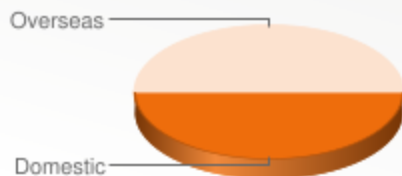
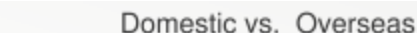
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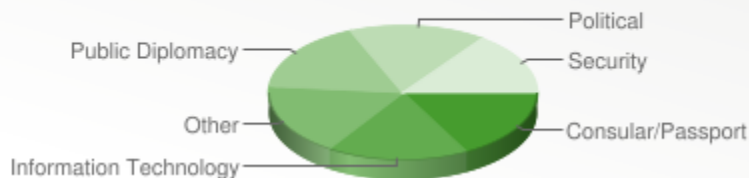
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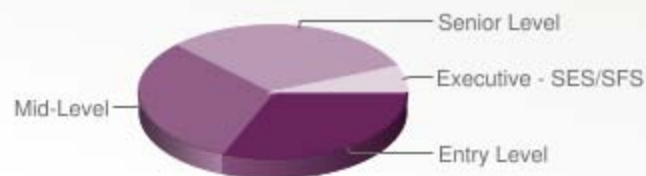




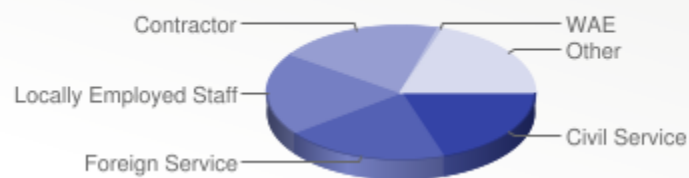
Job Function (Top 6)



Rank



Employment Type



Communication Challenge



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Challenge Stats

76 ideas

351 comments

426 votes

1,870 users

What capability, process, or practice should we employ to improve communication within our organization?

The Three Things Challenge, a Sounding Board initiative, was launched in July 2009 with a video from Secretary Clinton challenging US Department of State personnel to list the top three things they need to be more effective and efficient in their jobs. Approximately 1500 employees submitted 4261 "things," which were broken down into eight areas of interest.

Most "things" had to do with what employees need to achieve their immediate job objectives. All employee types and job ranks mentioned the importance of Communication (between management and staff, between agencies, and between posts and Washington). We therefore decided to use the new software to follow-up on the 3 Things Challenge to narrow down action items in this area.

The Communication Challenge will close December 1, 2010.

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